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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIANS TO SEND TRADE (SURVEY) MISSION TO EASTERN
EUROPE

1. PHIL CONNOLLY, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ECONOMIC AND
POLICY DIVISION, GOA'S DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES (DTR)
TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT HE WILL LEAD A SEVEN MAN TRADE (SURVEY)
MISSION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA AND POLAND DURING THE MONTH
OF SEPTEMBER. THE MISSION EXPECTS TO BE IN EASTERN EUROPE FOR
TWO WEEKS AND WILL BE COMPRISED OF SIX BUSINESSMEN AND AN
ADMINISTRATIVE BACK-STOPMAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT PLUS MISSION
DIRECTOR CONNOLLY.

2. CONNOLLY'S DIVISION IN DTR INCLUDES THE MINERALS INDUSTRY
AND SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION. CONNOLLY HIMSELF IS A
SPECIALIST IN NON-FERROUS MINERALS AND METALS HAVING HEADED
UP THE FORMER DIVISION NUMBER THREE IN DTR PRIOR TO ITS
REORGANIZATION IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR.

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3. A GOOD FRIEND OF THE EMBASSY AND MOST FORTHCOMING
(HE RECENTLY ASSISTED EMBASSY IN CANBERRA BRIEFINGS AND
IN ORGANIZATION OF NATION-WIDE TRIP FOR GAO TEAM REVIEW
OF INCREASING RELIANCE OF U.S. BUSINESS ON FOREIGN RAW
AND PROCESSED MATERIALS.) CONNOLLY SAYS THAT MISSION'S
OSTENSIBLE PURPOSES ARE TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
AUSTRALAIN NON-FERROUS METALS EXPORTS AND RELATED

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES BUT, THAT IN FACT, IT RESPONDS TO
DISCUSSIONS AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATION GARLAND HAD WITH EASTERN EUROPEANS EARLIER THIS
YEAR IN GENERAL AND THE POLES IN PARTICULAR ON THE SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUSES THE AUSTRALIANS ENJOY IN THEIR TRADE
ACCOUNTS WITH THE MISSION'S TARGET COUNTRIES.
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